

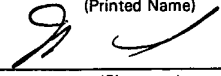
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2,3-AMINOMUTASE
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ATTN: Examiner Richard G. Hutson

Dear Examiner Hutson:

This communication in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, in relation to the above-referenced application. The initial period for responding to the Office Action is set to expire on April 29, 2003. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed and no fee is necessary. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required for this filing to Deposit Account 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said Deposit Account, duplicates of page 1 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending rejections discussed above. In the event any issues remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

Date April 25, 2003

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